

## BECOMING UNEASY

REGARDING THE NORFOLK AND WESTERN BILL.

Virginia Military Expected at the Inauguration--Major Wellford's Mission.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, January 28.--The friends of the Norfolk and Western railway bill are becoming more uneasy as the few remaining days of the session of Congress are slipping away. Pressure is being brought to bear to have the Senate committee act promptly, but there it delays, and no one can predict with certainty what the fate of the pending measure will be. The full committee will probably take action early next week. The sub-committees went out again this morning to still further examine the ground in Georgetown, and it is understood that Senator McMullen, of Michigan, continues to oppose the Norfolk and Western plan.

So far as can be ascertained, following the strength of the Virginia military that will be represented by the delegation on the 4th of March: From two to three companies of the Second Cavalry, from four to six companies of the Third Regiment, and several companies from the Fourth Regiment. It is very generally regretted that the First Cavalry officers have decided not to be present.

ANALYSTS.

The motion appropriation bill, which was referred to the House this morning, has eight pension agents, and they will affect pensioners in both Virginia and North Carolina as they have been acting and through the know-how in Tennessee. Mr. Holman has said the pensioners ought to be paid straight from the Treasury in Washington.

It is reported that the visit of Major J. B. Harlow, of Richmond, to the city of Atlanta is in connection with the Southern Canal matter. A number of men and couples are interested in the project.

General Henderson, of North Carolina, having reported the general situation to the House, has gone to South Carolina for a few days on important business.

THE LITTLE JOKER.

General Malone, of Virginia, who has been in Washington hoping to sell his seat in the Senate to the government on which he sat, has a familiar figure at Champlain, and the other night he was seen in some gaming at the expense of Senator Stewart, of Nevada. As for the little General, "It is known," Senator Stewart, that you are not well able to control your appetite. It would never do for you to become subject to the habit of strong drink. You are such an infatuated creature of the free culture of silver you would not submit yourself to the gold coins, for if you did you might be called a gold bug."

be obtained--cost a fabulous sum, for one bright golden dollar was then worth \$25 in Confederate money. Sugar was from \$2 to \$10 per pound, turkeys \$50 apiece, and flour \$25 per pound.

"Christmas, 1864--the last Christmas of war times--dawned, and what a gloomy festival it was for the people of the South! Of manufactured products we had practically none. Our hairpins were made of long, black thorns, with a ball of sealing wax on one end. We had made into dresses every scrap of available material, and now our gowns consisted of window curtains, 'homespun,' and paper muslin or colored cambric that had once done duty as a lining, while our feet were encased in home-made cloth shoes. At a Christmas dinner in a typical southern home that day the festive board presented a turkey that had cost \$200, a ham worth \$300, hominy and potatoes at correspondingly high prices, and black molasses--as dessert--at \$50 per gallon. The Confederate dollar was then worth just 2 cents in gold. Wool was \$10 per cord, beef \$5 per pound, flour \$9 per barrel, butter \$10 per pound, and sugar \$30 per pound. All was silent in the negro quarters. There was no singing or dancing there as usual. The slaves having heard of 'de emancipation proclamation,' knew that they were free and had all scattered away. Desolation seemed to reign over everything. Of all the Christmas days I have known, that last Christmas in the South in war-time is the one of all others that I am most certain never to forget."

Confederates in Yankee Garb. (St. Louis Republic.)

"Let me tell you a queer fact," remarked Major J. B. Harlow to the Manufacturer on Monday night, "that the idea has ever occurred to another person, but I have asked many of my friends about it, and their experience and observation tally with mine. Now, to the point! It is a curious truth that just after the war whenever a 'Yank' bought a suit of clothes it was gray, pepper-and-salt, for instance, while the 'Johnnies' when able to do so, invariably bought blue. When I came out of the army I bought a suit of gray, or pepper-and-salt, and all the Union soldiers I have asked about the matter did the same, while the Confederates bought blue. I have often wondered why it was, and have come to the conclusion that after from three to five years' service in the Union ranks the men became tired of the blue, and their first wish was to get something as far removed in color as possible; consequently they took the gray. It was the reverse on the part of the Confederates, and they took the blue. When you realize that the only color in use for men's wear are blue, black, brown, and gray, you see that the election was circumscribed. Now that the fact is dying out and sentiment growing the Yankees are returning to the gray."

(Telegraph to the Dispatch.)

**The Dog of Fashion.** (Harper's Bazaar)

The dog of fashion is an expensive luxury in our day. He requires almost as many belongings as his mistress--elaborate upholstered apartments, satin and velvet cushions, and a bed as good as the house affords, travelling satchels and napkin-baskets, various garments, tail service and toilet articles, playthings, ribbons, costly harness, and valuable jewelry set with diamonds. There is hardly an end to his possessions. Beside this he often has a maid specially devoted to his service and he gives luncheon parties. When ill he is attended by the family physician, if he is either very lame or afraid of losing patronage, and when he dies he is buried in a costly casket and commemorated by a marble monument, though sometimes he is scientifically "pre-cared," placed in a sealed receptacle too valuable to be buried and kept on exhibition in the home he bath has made desolate. A dog thus treated has almost ceased to be a dog. He is a product of fashion, and seems hardly to belong to the race of "doggy" dogs, whom we all love and like to have about us.

IT WAS STILL RUNNING.

(Telegraph to the Dispatch.)

"When I was fishing on the Lake in some fifteen years ago," said the man with the cigarette, "a whirlwind came along and carried off my vest that was hanging on a limb just over my head, and had my watch in it and a tailor's account. Well, the whole outfit sailed out of sight in less than a minute. Seven years afterward a party of us were camped up the same river, only 100 yards further up. It was my turn to do the cooking, so I started out for some dry wood, and found a log which eased in, and lo! as the story-books say, there lay my watch, with the same old tailor's bill twisted through the ring. It was still running."

"Oh, come off! You want us to ask you how such a thing could be, and then you'll explain that the whirlwind wound your watch up so tight that it ran for seven years."

Mr. C. W. Weller, Sheriff of Alleghany county; Mr. D. H. Harmon, of Charlottesville, and Captain A. N. Pink, of Madison county, are among the pink Virginia veterans in the city.

Cabinet (Franklin) of Warren, Mr. Robert E. Foster, of Winchester, and Mr. S. L. Cooper, of Culpeper are among the late Virginia visitors.

In previous days I, F. and J. Edwards and I, of the Virginia delegation were emphatically opposed to the proposal of the Sherman silver law as long as nothing in its stead was offered at the national convention.

Mr. Cleveland Jones has received a number of letters from his district enclosing his position on the silver question a few days ago in the mail. He included one letter in his mail in which the writer said he hoped Mr. Jones would look at the matter again.

200 FOR A TURKEY.

Miss Senator Vance's Household Expenses During the War.

"I always very much enjoyed Christmases during the war," said Mrs. John B. Vance, wife of the state senator from North Carolina. "That of 1863 was different, but had preceded it, before the war began, and many of the families at that time became more than ever in debt, and the debts increased rapidly. Many of the families, however, had a Christmas dinner-table well filled with food and drink, and those that could not do such things as we did, had a simple meal, and the sights of the trimmings of our own table, the obliging prolixity of southern hospitality, was the bright spot of Christmas."

"The ingenuity came out from their quarters in the early morning for the 'treasure trove,' and as each one was liberally rewarded with small tokens of the childish African nature most delightsome, as they fly about with delight, and fond and characteristic were their expressions of pleasure. Great toasts of orange and punch had been prepared and were set out in the great hall. We had trees just to take the chill off, and went roaring up the wide fireplaces, invited guests gathered about the hearth-stone, and there were feasting, music, and dancing."

"Christmas, 1862, found us but poorly prepared to celebrate it. Our supplies were few, and Confederate money was at a heavy discount. Wood was \$15 per cord and turkeys \$11 each, but even at those prices many were still able to enjoy them, and there were still some toys to give the little folks. Then came the bitter year of 1863, with the fall of Vicksburg and the defeat at Gettysburg. With sad faces, harmonizing well with their dresses, of coarse black stuff, the women of the South devoted themselves to picking holly and sprucing and weaving for husbands, fathers, brothers, and sweethearts in the field. Christmas cheer--such as could

## ROBBERS CAUGHT.

THEIR ATTEMPT TO LOOT A KANSAS BANK.

They Kill One of Their Plunderers and Fight Desperately.

(By Telegraph to the Dispatch.)

WAVERLY, KAN., January 28.--Yesterday afternoon two masked men entered the front-door of the Waverly Bank, and, covering Cashier Duval and Assistant-Cashier Converse with revolvers, coolly proceeded to rob the vault and cash-drawer. While thus engaged E. O'Neill, a merchant, entered the bank to make a deposit, and at the risk of his life Duval called him to run and alarm the citizens. O'Neill ran across the street and gave the alarm and the robbers ran for their horses, which were in an alley behind the bank, closely pursued by a number of citizens. Fortunately in the pursuit was F. S. Ingeman, and as the first robber leaped into the saddle he turned and fired at Ingeman, sending a ball through his lung and killing him instantly. A fusillade of shots followed, but the robbers got away. About two miles from town they were surrounded and surrendered after their horses had been killed and their ammunition exhausted.

The Reaching Committee on the German army bill has concluded general debate on that measure, and yesterday proceeded with discussion of the several clauses. The closing debates showed an increased disposition to accept the government's proposals, the only material opposition being offered by a faction of the Central party, led by Herr Lieber.

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A lumberman's excursion train returning from Chicago to Minneapolis, consisting of six cars, was thrown from the track by a broken rail near Kent Hills yesterday. The baggage car and following coach went down an embankment and tipped over on their sides. The two following coaches went down the embankment and remained standing upright. W. E. Ackers, of Minneapolis, was killed and eight others, all men, were injured--none fatally.

In the Federal Senate yesterday the army appropriation bill was reported from the committee, being the first of the regular appropriation bills reported to the Senate during the present session. In the House the Burrows resolution respecting the whiskey trust was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary for investigation of the charges made, and a resolution in favor of the Panama Canal Company, the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and the Southern Pacific Railroad Company was reported from the Committee on Rules and adopted without debate. Mr. Tom Watson made a speech on the so-called southern question from the Populists' standpoint. Both houses of Congress adjourned over the time of Mr. Blaine's funeral, in order that members might attend the funeral services.

**The American Turt.** (Telegraph to the Dispatch.)

GLENCOE, January 28.--There was a change of favorites to-day, but there was some very exciting sport nevertheless, and the time made in three of the events was extraordinary.

First race--four and one-half furlongs--Gladiator won; Red Elm second, April Fool third. Time, 5:1.

Second race--three eighths of a mile--Bliss won; Blue and White second, Tody Smith third. Time, 3:1.

Third race--six and one-half furlongs--Pansy won; Jack Rose second, Six George third. Time, 1:24.

Fourth race--six furlongs--Estelle won; Prince Howard second, Air Plant third. Time, 1:14.

Fifth race--six and one-half furlongs--Innovation won; Inferno second, Bonfire third. Time, 1:22.

Sixth race--seven furlongs--Dago won; Eclipse second, Brightway third. Time, 1:30.

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